

ARTICLES TO BE ENQUIRED OF, WITHIN THE DIOCES

Of Duresme, in the Primarie Visita-
tion of the Right Reverend Father in God,
Thomas by the Providence of
God, Lord Bishop of
Duresme.

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Holden in the tenth Yeare of the Raigne of
our most gracious Sovereigne Lord CHARLES,
by the Grace of God, King of Great Britaine,
Ireland, Defender of the faith, &c.
in the yeere of our Lord
God, 1640.



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The Tenor of the Oath to be mini-
stred to the Church-wardens
and Side men.

You shall sweare, That you, and every of you,
shall duely consider, and diligently inquire of all
and every of these Articles given yu in charge;
and that all affection, favour, hatred, hope of reward,
and gaine, or feare of displeasure, or malice aside, you
shall present all and every such person, of or with-
in your Parish, as hath committed any offence, or
made any default mentioned in these, or any of these
Articles; or which are vehemently suspected or defa-
med of any such offence or default: wherein y^e shall
deale uprightly and full; neither presenting, nor
to present any, contrary to truth: having in this
God before your eyes, with an earnest zeale to main-
tain truth, and to suppress vice, So help you God, at the
holy Content of this Booke.





I. Concerning the Ministers.

INprimis, whether doth your Minister distinctly and reverently say Divine Services upon Sundays and holy dayes, and other dayes appointed to be observed by the Booke of Common Prayer, Wednesdays and Fridayes, and the Eves of every Sunday and Holyday, at fit and usuall times: And doeth your Minister duly observe the Orders, Rites and Ceremonies prescribed in the said Booke of Common prayer, as well in reading publike Prayers and the Letany, as also in administering the Sacraments, solemnization of Matrimony, Visiting the sick, Burying the dead, Churcheing of women, and all other like Rites and Offices of the Church, in such manner and forme, as in the Booke of Common prayer is enjoined: And doth he reade the Booke of the last Canons once yereley, and weare a Surplice according to the sayd Canons:

2 Item, whether doth your Minister bid holy dayes and fasting dayes as by the Booke of Common prayer is appointed: And doth he geve warning before hand to the parishioners for the receyving of the holy Communion, as the 22 Canon requireth: And whether doth he administer the holy Communion so often, and at such times, as that every parishioner may receyve the same at the least thryce in every yere, whereof once at Easter, as by the booke of common prayer is appointed: And doth your Minister receyve the same himselfe on every day that he administred it to others, and use the words of institution according to the Booke, at every time that the Bread and Wine is renewed, accordingly as by the probitts of the 21 Canon is directed: And doth he deliver the Bread and wine to every Communicant severally: Whether hath he admitted to the holy Communion any offender or Schismaticke, contrary to the 26 and 27 Constitutions, or received any to the Communion being not of his owne Cure, or put any from the Communion not being publicly infamous for some notorious crime: Doth he use the signe of the Crosse in Baptisme, or Baptize in any Basin, or other vessell, and not in the usuall Font: or admit any Father to be Godfather to his owne childe, or such who have not receyved the holy Communion, or baptize any children that were not borne in the parish, or wilfully refuse to bap-

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the any infant in his parish being in danger, having been informed of the weaknesse of the said childe: and whether hath the childe dyed through his default without Baptisme.

3 Item, whether hath your Minister married any without a Ring, or without Banes published thre severall Sundayes or Hoie dayes in time of divine Service, in the severall Churches or Chappel: of their severall abode, according to the booke of Common Prayer, or in times prohibited albeit the Banes were thrice published, without a License or Dispensation from the Bishop of the Diocese, or his Chancelloz, first obtained in that behalfe: or not betwixt the houres of 8 and 12 in the forenoone, or married in any private house: or if the parties be under the age of 21 yeeres, before their parents or Governours have signified their consent unto him.

4 Item, whether doth he refuse to bury any, which ought to be interred in Christian buriall, or defer the same longer then he should, or bury any in Christian buriall, which by the Constitutions of the Church of England ought not to be so interred.

5 Item, whether the body of any excommunicate person dying within your parish hath been buried by any of your parishioners disorderly, (your Minister justly refusing to bury it) within your Church or churchyard, or have the bodies or bodie of any such excommunicate person or persons been carried out of your parish, to be buried in another parish, without consent of your Ordinary first had and obtained, and what are their severall names and surnames.

6 Item, whether is your Minister a Preacher allowed: If so, then by whom: If not, whether doth he procure some who are lawfully licensed to preach amongst you monethly at the least.

7 Item, whether doth your Minister (being licensed) preach usually according to the Canons, either in his own Cure, or some other Church or Chappel nere adjoining, where no Preacher is and how often hath he been negligent in that behalfe: And doth he preach standing and with his hat off: Or whether doth he or his Curate upon every Sunday, when there is no Sermon, reade an Homily, or some part thereof, according as he ought to doe: or in case he be not licensed to preach, doth he take upon him to preach or expound the Scriptures in his own Cure, or elsewhere: If so, toen you are to present the same, the time and place, when and where he did it.

8 Item, whether doth your Minister in his Sermons, Lectures and other exercises use to pray for the King & Majesty King Charles, and for our gracious Queene Mary, and all the royall Progeny, with addition of such

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such stile and titles as are due to his Highnesse, and exhort the people to obedience to his Majestie, and all his Magistrates in authoritie under him: not omitting particular mention of the Bishop of the Diocesse, according to his Majesties late direction in that behalfe:

9 Item, whether is your Minister continually resident upon his Benefice and how long time hath he been absent; and in case he be licensed to be absent, whether doth he cause his Cure to be sufficiently supplied according to the Canons: Or in case he hath another Benefice, whether doth he supply his absence by a Curate sufficiently licensed to preach in that Cure, where he himselfe is not resident: Or otherwise in case the smallnesse of the living cannot finde a preaching Minister, doth he preach at both his Benefices usually:

10 Item, whether doeth your Minister or Curate serve any moze Cures then one: If so, then what other Cure doth he serve, and how far are they distant: and what stipend is allowed unto him for serving the Cure:

11 Item, whether doeth your Minister every Sunday and Holiday, befoze Evening prayer, for halfe an houre, or moze, examine and instruct the Youth and ignozant persons of his parish, in the Ten Commandments, Articles of the Beliefe, and in the Lords prayer and the Sacraments, according as it is prescribed in the Catechisme, and set forth in the Booke of Common Prayer, and also strictly enjoined by our late Sovereigne King James of blessed memozy in his directions to the Bishops of each Diocesse:

12 Item, whether doth your Minister in the Rogation dayes goe in perambulation of the circuit of the parish, saying and using the prayers and thanksgiving to God, appointed by law, according to his duty, thanking God for his blessings, if there be plenty on the earth: or otherwise to pray for his grace and favour if there be a feare of scarcitie:

13 Item, whether hath your Minister admitted any woman begotten with childe in adultery or fornication, to be churched without license of the Ordinary:

14 Item, whether hath your Minister, or any other Preacher, baptized children, churched any woman, or ministered the holy Communion in any private house, other wise then by the law is allowed:

15 Item, whether doth your Minister being a Preacher, indeavour and laboꝝ diligently to reclaine the popish Recusants in his parish from their erroꝝs (if there be any such abiding in your parish,) Or whether is your Parson Vicar or Curate over-conversant with, or a favourer of Recusants, whereby he is suspected not to be sincere in Religion:

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16 Item, whether hath your Minister taken upon him to appoint any publike or private Fastes, Prophecies or exercises not appointed by Law, or publike authority, or hath used to meet in any private house or place, with any person or persons, there to consult how to impeach or depose the booke of Common prayer, or the doctrine or discipline of the Church of England: If so, then you shall present them all.

17 Item, whether hath your Minister staied the publication of any excommunications or suspensions: or doth he every halfe year denounce in his parish Church all such of his parish, as are excommunicated, & persevere therein without seeking to be absolved, or doth he wittingly & willingly keepe company with such as are excommunicate: And hath he admitted into your Church any person excommunicate, without a Certificate of his absolution from the Ordinary, or other competent Judge:

18 Item, whether doth your Minister carefully looke to the reliefe of the poore, and from time to time call upon his Parishioners to give somewhat, as they can spare, to godly and charitable uses, especially when they make their Testaments:

19 Item, whether doth your Minister, or any having taken the holy Orders, being now silenced or suspended, or any other person of your knowledge, or as you have heard, hold any conventicles, or preach in any place, or use any other forme of divine Service then is appointed in the Booke of Common Prayer: If so, then you are to present their names, and with whom.

20 Item, whether is your Curate licensed to serve by the Bishop of this Diocese, or by any other, and by whom:

21 Item, whether doeth your Minister use such decency and comeliness in his apparell as by the 47 Canon is enjoined: and is he of sober behaviour, and one that doth not use such bodily labors, as is not seemely for his function and calling:

22 Item, whether is your Minister noted or defamed, to have obtained his Benefice or his orders, by Symonie, or any other way defamed, to be a Symoniacall person, or any way noted to be a Schismaticke, or schismatically affected, or reputed to be an incontinent person, or to take or lodge any such in his house: or is he a frequenter of Taverns, Innes, Ale-houses, or any place suspected for ill rule: Or is he a common Drunkard, a common Gamster, or a player at Dice, a Swearer, or one that applieth himselfe not at his study, or is otherwise offensive and scandalous to his function or Ministry:

23 Item, whether are there any Lectures, or Exercises used within your parish Church: If so, then whether doe the said Lecturer or Lecturers,

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reys, refuse to confoyme themselves to the Lawes and Ordinances of the Church of England, and especially to the late instructions for Lecturers published by his sacred Majestie King Charles, and directed to the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury his Grace, & accordingly by his grace, sent to every Diocesse of his Graces Province. Anno Dom. 1629. And so by the Lord Bishop of this Diocesse, commanded to be published throughout this Diocesse by his Lordships Arch-deacons, at their severall visitations after Easter, Anno Dom. 1630. And doth your Lecturer or Lecturers, and every of them observe that Article, and instruction of his Majestie where in it is provided precisely, that every Lecturer shall before his Lecture, or Sermon, read Divine Service in his Surplice, and Hood according to his Degree: if you know of any default or neglect hereof, in not observing this instruction of his Majesties, or other the Lawes Ecclesiasticall of this kingdome, you are to present it, other wise you are likely to answer for this your contempt.

24 Item, whether doth any Knight, or Gentleman within your parish maintaine or keep any Chaplaine, contrary to the Lawes of the Land, not being thereunto Licensed by the Bishop of this Diocesse :

25 Item, whether doth your Preacher or Lecturer read Divine Service, and Minister the Sacraments twice a yeare at least in his own person, according to the Canons :

II. Concerning the Church, the Ornaments thereof, and the Churches possessions.

26 **W**hether have you in your severall Churches and Chappels, the whole Bible of the largest volume, and the booke of Common Prayer, as also the booke of Homilies set forth by his Majesties authoritie, all fairely and substantially bound : a Font of stone, set up in the ancient usuall place, a convenient and decent Communion Table, with a Carpet of silk, or some other decent stuffe continually layd upon the Table at the time of Divine Service, and a faire linnen cloth upon the same, at the time of the receiving of the holy Communion : And whether is the same Table placed in such convenient sort within the Chancel or Church, as that the Minister may be best heard in his Prayer and administration, and that the greatest number may communicate : And whether it is so used out of time of Divine Service, as is not agreeable to the holy use of it : and as by sitting on it, throwing hats on it, writing on it, or is it abused to other prophane uses : And are the ten Commandments set upon the East end of your Church or chappell, where the people may best see and read them, and other sentences of holy Scripture, written on the walles like wise for that purpose :

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27 Item, whether have you in your said Church or Chappell, a convenient seate for your Minister to reade Service in, together with a comely Pulpit, set upon a convenient place, with a decent cloth or Cushion for the same, a comely large Surplice, a faire Communion Cup, with a cover of Silver and a Flagon of Silver, Tm. or Pewter, to put the Wine in whereby it may be set upon the Communion Table, at the time of the blessing thereof, with all other things and Ornamentes necessary for the celebrazion of divine Service and administration of the Sacraments: And whether have you a strong Chest for almes of the Pooze with thzee lockes and keyes, and another Chest for the keeping of the Books, and Ornamentes of the Church, and the Register Booke: And whether have you a Register Booke in Parchment, for Christenings, Weddings, and Burialls, and whether the same be kept in all points according to the Canons in that behalfe provided: And whether have you in your said Church or Chancell a Table set, of the degrees, wherein by Law men are prohibited to marry.

28 Item, whether are your Church and Chappels, with the Chancels thereof, and your parsonage or vicarage-house, your parish Almes-house and Church-house in good reparations, and are they imployed to godly, and their right holy uses: Is your Church Chancell, and Chappell decently and comely kept, as well within as without, and the seates well maintained, according to the 85 Canon, in that behalfe provided: whether your Church-yard be well fenced and kept without abuse: and if not, in whose default the same is, and what the defect or fault is: And whether any person have incroached upon the ground of the Church-yard, or whether any person or persons, have used any thing or place consecrated to holy use, prophanely or wickedly.

29 Item, whether have you the Terrier of all the Gleabe-lands, Medowes, Gardens, Orchards, Houses, Stockes, Implements, Tenements, and portions of Tithes (whether within your Parish or without) belonging unto your Parsonage or Vicarage, taken by the view of honest men in your said Parish: And whether the said Terrier be laid up in the Bishops Registry, and in whose hands any of them are now: And if you have no Terrier already made in Parchment, you the Church-wardens and Side-men, together with your Parson or Vicar, or in his absence with your Minister, are to make diligent enquiry and presentment of the premises, and make, subscribe, and signe the said Terrier as aforesaid.

30 Item, whether is your Church impropriated, and is there a vicaridge therupon endowd, what is the yearly value both of the recto-

re and Marriage repaid, or what Expence is allowed to the Curate
that doeth there.

III. Schoole-masters.

31 **W**hether doeth any in your parish take upon him to teach
Schoole, without license of the Ordinary, and is he con-
formable to the Religion now established. And doth he bring his Schol-
lers to the Church to heare divine Service and Sermons. And doeth
he instruct his Schollers in the grounds of Religion now established in
this Church of England? and is he carefull and diligent to benefit his
Schollers in Learning? How many Schoole-masters have you in your
parish, and what be their names?

III. Parish Clerkes, and Sextons.

32 **V**hether have you a fit parish Clerke, aged twenty yeeres
at least, of honest conversation, able to reade and write.
Whether are his & the Sextons wages paid without fraud, according
to the ancient custome of your parish: If not, then by whom are they so
defrauded or denied? By whom are they chosen? And whether the same
Clerke be approved by the Ordinary: and hath he taken an oath as in
such cases is fit and required: and is he diligent in his office, & servicea-
ble to the Minister, and doth he take upon him to meddle with any thing
above his Office, as Churching of women, burying the dead, and
such like.

33 Item, whether doeth your Clerk or Sexton keepe the Church
cleane, the doores locked: Is any thing lost or spoiled in the Church
through his default: doth he suffer any unreasonable ringing, or any
prophanes exercise in your Church: or doth he (when any is passing out
of the Church) neglect to toll a Bell having notice thereof.

V. Physicians, Chirurgians, and Mid-wives.

34 **H**ow many physitians, Chirurgians, or Midwives have you
in your parish? How long have they used their severall Sci-
ences or Offices and by what authority: And how have they demeaned
themselves therein, and of what skill are they accounted to be in
their profession.

VI. Touching the Church-wardens and Sidemen.

35 **W**hether the Church-wardens, Quest men, or Sidemen,
from time to time, do and have done their diligences, in not
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suffering any idle person to abide either in the Churchyard, or Church porch in Ser vice or sermon time, but causing them either to come into the church to heare diuine Ser vice, or to depart and not disturbe such as be hearers there: And whether haue they, and do you diligently see the parishioners duly resort to the church ebery Sunday and holy day, and there to remaine during diuine ser vice and sermon: And whether you or your predecessors church wardens there, suffer any Playes, feastes, Drinkings, or any other prophane usages to be kept in your church, chappell, or church yards, or haue suffered to your and their uttermost power and endeavour, any person or persons to be tipling or drinking in any Inne or Victualling house in your parish, during the time of diuine ser vice or sermon, on sabbaye: or holydayes: or doth any of your parishioners upon the day that they do receiue the blessed communion resort unto any Taberne or Alehouse, as usually hath been accustomed.

36 Item, whether, and how often haue you admitted any to preach within your Church or Chappell, which was not sufficiently licensed: And whether you together with your Minister, haue not taken diligent heed and care, that ebery of your Parishioners being of sixteen years of age or upwards, haue receiued thrice ebery yeere, as aforesaid: and also that no stranger haue usually come to your church, from their owne parish church:

37 Item, whether haue there been provided against ebery Communion, a sufficient quantitie of fine white Bread, and of good and wholesome Wine for the Communicants that shall receiue: And whether that Wine be brought in a cleane and sweet standing pot of Pewter, or of other purer mettall:

38 Item, whether were purchased by the consent of the Minister and the parishioner: And haue the late Churchwardens given up a just account for their time, & delivered to their Successors the money and other things belonging to the church, which was in their hands: And are the almes of the church faithfully distributed to the use of the poore

VII. Concerning the Parishioners.

39 **W**hether is there any of your Parishioners, being sixteen years of age, or upwards, or others lodging or commonly resorting to any house within your parish, hat do wilfully absent themselves from your parish church upon Sundayes or holydayes, at Morning and Evening prayere: or who come late to church, and depart from church before Ser vice be done upon the said dayes: Or who do not reverently behaue themselves during the time of diuine Ser vice, or who are drinking when

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When the generall confession of finnes, the Litanie, the ten commandments, and all Prayers and Collects are read, and using all due and lowly reverence, when the blessed name of the Lord Jesus Christ is mentioned, and standing up when the Articles of the Beliefe are read, or who do cover their heads in the Church during the time of divine Service, unless it be in case of necessity, in which case they may wear a night-cap or coife: Or who do give themselves to babling, talking or walking, and are not attentive to the word preached, or read: or reading or praying during the time aforesaid: whether any of your parish being of sixteen years of age and upwards, do not receive the holy Communion in your church thrice every year whereof once at Easter, and whether they doe not devoutly kneele at the receiving thereof:

40 Item, whether any of your parishioners, being admonished thereof, do not send their children, servants, and apprentices to the Minister to be catechised upon such sundays and holydaies as are appointed: or whether any of them doe refuse to come: or if they come, refuse to learne the Catechisme set forth in the booke of Common prayer:

41 Item, how many of the said Catechismes have been dispersed in your Parish or Chappell, according to the number of such children and servants as can read, and are to learne the same, according to the late Injunction of your Ordinary, and who they be that have refused to obey that order so enjoined: and what are their severall names:

42 Item, whether any of your Parish doe entertaine within their house any sojourner, common guests, or other persons who refuse to frequent divine Service, or receive the holy Communion, as aforesaid: Present their names, their qualities or conditions.

43 Item, what Recusant Papists are there in your parish: Or have dwelt or made usuall abode there within the space of two or thre yeeres last past, and whether they still dwell or remaine there, or where doe they dwell, or make their abode: Present their names, qualities, or conditions: And whether keepe they any Scholemaster in their house, which cometh not to Church to heare divine Service, and receive the Communion: What is his name, and how long hath he taught there, or elsewhere:

44 Item, whether doe any of the said popish Recusants labour to seduce and withdraw others from the Religion now established: or instruct their families or children in popish Religion: or refuse to entertaine any, especially in place of greatest service or trust, but such as concur with them in their Papistry:

45 Item, whether the tuition of the children of any of your parishioners,

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others, being within your parish, be committed to any popish Recusants
convents, contrary to the Stat. 3. in Cap. 5. Also if so, to present and certifye
the names both of such children, and of the Parents or Guardians to
whose tuition and education they are committed.

46 Item, how long have the said popish Recusants abstinence from
divine Service, & from the Communion, as aforesaid? and how have
turned Recusants within these last years.

47 Item, whether is there any in your parish that retainde undressed,
or sell, offer or disperse any popish bookes or writings, or other bookes,
Libels, or writings of any Sedaries, touching the Religion, State, or
Government Ecclesiasticall of this Kingdome of England, or keep any
ornaments of superstition uncancelled or undressed?

48 Item, whether have you any in your parish, which heretofore be-
ing popish Recusants or Sedaries, have since reformed themselves, and
come to Church to heare divine Service & receiue the Sacraments? If
yea, then who they are, and how long since have they so reformed them-
selves? And whether they still remaine and abide in that conformity?

49 Item, whether is there any in your parish, that refuse to have their
children baptized, or themselves to receiue the Communion at the hands of
your Minister, taking exception against him, & what causes or exceptions
do they alledge? or have any married wives refused to come to Church
according to the booke of common prayer, to give God thanks after their
child-birth, for their safe deliverance? And whether do any of, or in your
parish, refuse to have their children baptized in your parish Church ac-
cording to the forme prescribed in the Booke of Common prayer.

50 Item, whether any in your parish having a Preacher to your
Parson Vicar or Curate do absent themselves from his Sermons, re-
sort to other places to heare other Preachers: or whether any of your
parish doe communicate, or baptize their children in any other parish.

51 Item, what persons within your parish, for any offence, contumacy,
or crime of Ecclesiasticall comulance, doe stand Excommunicated? &
Present their names and for what cause they are excommunicated, and
how long they have so stood, and what person and persons doe willingly
and usually keepe them company.

52 Item, whether doe any not being in Orders, execute any Priestly
or Ministeriall office in your Church, Chappell, or Churchyard, and
what be their names.

53 Item, whether is there any in your parish, that having heretofore
taken upon him the Order of Priesthood, or Deacon, hath since relinquit-
ted the same, and is now a lay man, neglecting his Obligation.

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54 Item, whether hath any person or persons in your parish quarrelled or stricken, or used any violence to your Minister, or hath stricken or quarrelled with any other person within your Church or Church-yard, or maintained himselfe disorderly in the Church, by filthy or prophane talke, or any other lewd or immodest behaviour: Or hath disturbed the Minister in time of divine service, or sermon, or hath libelled, or spoken slanderous words against your Minister to the scandal of his reputation, or defamed any of his neighbours touching any crime of Ecclesiasticall conscience.

55 Item, whether hath any of you in your parish, without consent of the Ordinary, or other lawfull authority, caused any to do penance, or to be censured or punished for any matter of Ecclesiasticall conscience, by any excommunicate, or other tolle by their own authority: or hath taken any money or commutation for same, presented their names that have done it, and who have bin punished: in what manner, and upon what cause.

56 Item, whether any person in your parish doe exercise any trade or labour, buy or sell, or keep open shops or warehouses upon any Sunday or Holiday, by themselves, their servants or apprentices, or haue otherwise prophaned the said dayes, contrary to the Orders of the Church of Englande: And whether there be any Gynn-kēpers, Alehouse-keepers, victualers or other persons that permit any persons in their houses to enioyne, or play, during the time wholue service, or sermon, or ending the Primitie in the forenoon, or afternoon upon these dayes.

57 Item, whether hath the Friday of November bin kept holy, and thankfully mingled to God, for his benefites: and this to take happy deliberance, according to the Ordinance in that behalf: And whether have you in your parish Church or Chappell the images in this behalfe set forth and commanded by publicke authority.

58 Item, whether hath any of your parish hold or frequent any conventicles or private congregations, or make or maintain any confessions agreed upon in any such assemblies: Or are there any that do write, or publicly or privately speak against the booke of Common prayer, or any thing therein contained, or against any of the Articles of Religion, agreed upon in Anno 1562, or against the Kings Supremacy, Ecclesiastical, or against the Oath of Supremacy, or of Allegiance, or pretending the same to be unlawfull, or of what nature by the Word of God: Or against any of the Rites or Ceremonies of the Church of England now established: or against the government of the Church of England under the Kings most excellent Majesty by Archbishop, Bishops, Deanes, Archdeacons, or other Ministers of the same, that

that the same is repugnant to the word of God, and that the said Ecclesiastical Officers are not lawfully ordained: Or whether be there any authors, maintainers or favourers of heresie or schisme, or that be suspected to be Anabaptists, Libertines, Brownists, or of the Family of Love, or of any other Heresie or Schisme: present their names.

59 Item, whether have any in your Parish married within the degrees by Law prohibited: or any couple in your Parish being lawfully married, live apart one from the other, without due separation of the Law: or any that have bin divorced, which keep company with any other at Bedde or at Board, and when and where they married.

60 Item, whether doe any persons administer the goods of the dead without lawfull authoritie, or suppress the last will of the dead: Or are there in your Parish any wills not registered, or goods of the dead lying intestate left unadministred: By authoritie in that behalfe, you shall not faile to present the Executors, and all others faultie therein: and also how many persons being possessed of any goods and chattels, have died within your parish since the year 1634.

61 Item, whether doth any withhold the stocks of the Church, or any goods or other things, given to god and charitable uses.

62 Item, whether are your Hospitalls and Almshouses, and other such houses and corporations, founded to god and charitable uses, and the lands, possessions and goods of the same, ordered and disposed of as they should be: And doe the Masters, Governeurs, Fellows, and others of the said Houses and Corporations, be have and demean themselves according to the goodly Ordinances and statutes of their severall foundations.

63 Item, whether have you any in your Parish to your knowledge, or by common fame & report, which have committed adultery, fornication, or incest, or any which have impudently bragged or boasted, that hee or she have lived in continency with any person, or persons, whether man or woman, that hath attempted the chastitie of any woman, or solicited any woman to have the carnall knowledge of her body, or which are commonly reputed to be common drunkards, blasphemers, revilers, holy Saints, common swearers, common slanderers of their neighbours, sowers of discord, filthy & lewd talkers, cursers, fencers, and persons, who are harbours of women with child, which be unmarried, or conceiving or suffering them to goe away before they have made satisfaction to the congregation, or any that having heretofore bin presented, or suspected of any of aforesaid crimes, have so, that cause be put on your parish, and are not reformed againe, or any which have used

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any enchantments, sorceries, incantations, or witchcrafts, which are not made felony by the Statutes of this Realme, or any which have committed any perjury in any Ecclesiastical court in an Ecclesiastical cause, or which have committed any forgery, punishable by the Ecclesiastical lawes, & the prosecutors & abettors of the said offences, you shall truly present the names of all, and singular the said offenders, and with whom they have committed the said offences, in case they have not bin publickly punished to your knowledge for the same crimes.

64. Item, whether have the publick prayers and fast lately enjoyned by authority for the pacifying of Gods wrath, and for allwaging the late fearefull plague, bin duely and solemnely performed both by your Minister and Parishioners on the dayes and times appointed, as also the day of thanksgiving for Gods mercy, in allwaging that fearefull sicknesse been religiously observed, according to those publick formes set forth by authority, and whether have you the said Bookes so published, as by the same authority you were commanded.

VIII. Concerning Ecclesiastical Magistrates and Officers.

65. **W**ether doe you know or have heard of any pay ment, composition, or agreement, to or with any Ecclesiastical Magistrate, Judge or officer, for winkinge at, or sparing to punish any person for any offence of Ecclesiasticall conuicte, or for suppressing, or concealing of any Recusant, or any other offender in the cases aforesaid, what summe of money, or other consideration hath bin receyved or promised, by, or to any of them in that respect, by whom and with whom?

66. Item, whether hath any person within your parish payd, or promised any sum of money, or other reward for communication of penance for any crime of Ecclesiastical conuicte: If so, then with whom, when, and for what, and how hath the same been employed?

67. Item, whether are your Ecclesiastical Judges and their Substitutes, Masters of Arts, or Bachelors of the law at the least, learned and practised in the Civill and Ecclesiastical Lawes: men of good life and fame, zealously affected in Religion, and just, upright in executing their offices: Have they heard any matter of Office privately in their Chambers, without their twoyne Registers, or their Deputies presence?

68. Item, whether do you know, or have you heard, that any Ecclesiastical Judge, Officer, or Minister, hath receyved or taken any extraordinary fees, or other rewards or promises, by any wayes or means directly or indirectly, of any person or persons whatsoever, either for the granting of the Administration of the goods and chattells of those that have

have been intestate, to one before another, or for allotting of larger portions of the goods and chattels of those that have been intestate, to one more then to another, or for allowing large and unreasonable accounts, made by Executors or Administrators: or forgiving them Quittus etc, or discharges without Inventory or Account, to defraud Creditors, Legataries, or those who are to have portions: And what summes of money doe you know or have you heard, that any Ecclesiasticall Judge or Officer hath taken out of the state of any dying intestate, upon pretence to bestow the same in pious usus: and how have the same bene bestowed?

69 Item, whether hath any Ecclesiasticall Magistrate, Judge, Officer, or any other exercising Ecclesiasticall jurisdiction within this your Diocesse, or any Advocate, Register, Proctor, Clerks, Apparators, or other Minister belonging to the same Ecclesiasticall Courts, exacted or taken by any wayes or meanes, directly, or indirectly, extraordinary or greater fees then are due and accustomed: And whether is there a table for the rates of all fees set up in their severall Courts and Offices: And whether have they sent or suffered any Proccesse to goe out of the Ecclesiasticall Courts, other wise then by law they ought: or have they taken upon them the office of Informers or Promoters to the said Courts, or any other way abused themselves in their Offices, contrary to the Law and Canons in that behalfe provided?

70 Item, what number of Apparators have every severall Judge Ecclesiasticall, and wherein, and in what manner is the Countrey overburdened by them: and wherein have they caused or summoned any to appeare in the sayd Courts, without a Presentment or Citation first had: Or whether have they threatened any to prosecute them in the said Courts if they would not give them some rewards, and what bysses in that behalfe have they taken:

If you know of any other default or crime of Ecclesiasticall concussance, you are to present the same by vertue of your Oathes.

The Minister of every Parish may, and ought to sojne in presentment with the Church-wardens and Soidemen: and if they will not present, the Minister may and ought himselfe present the defaults and crimes aforesaid, and there must be severall presentments made to every severall Article: and the Minister, Church-wardens and Soidemen are to make and confesse about the said presentment, and answering of every of the aforesaid Articles.